

REMARKS

The Examiner's Action mailed on April 22, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully considered.

In this Amendment, Applicant has editorially amended Figures 2 and 3, amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5, editorially amended claims 3 and 4, and canceled claims 5 through 7 and 18 through 20. Claim 1 is the independent claim, and claims 1 through 4 and 8 through 17 remain pending in the application. For at least the following reasons, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner's Action has objected to the drawings for not showing the idler gear being engaged with the driver gear, together with an intergear which engages respectively with the idler gear and the driver gear, as recited within claims 1, 3, 18 and 20. However, it is initially noted that Applicant's original independent claim 1 did not recite that the idler gear was directly engaged with the driver gear. Thus, and for example, Figures 5 through 7 clearly show the idler gear 220 being engaged with the driver gear 210 by way of the gear 240. Nevertheless, in order to help clarify this feature, Applicant has amended claim 1 to recite that the idler gear is driven by the driver gear, and has further amended claim 3 to change the term --intergear-- to --additional gear--, which term is used within the specification.

Furthermore, the Examiner has objected to the drawings for not including the numeral 440 and the numeral 430. In response thereto, revised Formal

Drawings are being submitted concurrently with this Amendment, in which Figure 3 has been amended to provide these reference numerals. Further, Figure 2 has been editorially amended in order to correct an informality noted therein. That is, in Figure 2, the axle strut 410 was improperly labeled with the reference numeral 140. It is submitted that the drawings comply with all official requirements, and it is thus requested that these objections be withdrawn.

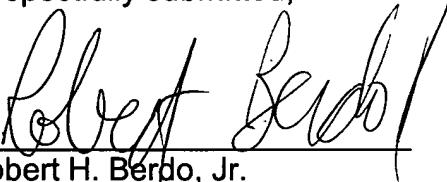
The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 4 and 19 through 20 as being indefinite. Because claims 19 and 20 have been canceled, this part of the rejection has been rendered moot. Moreover, and as noted above, claim 3 has been amended to recite that an additional gear engages with the idler gear and the driver gear, and claim 1 has been amended to recite that the idler gear is driven by the driver gear. It is submitted that the claims comply with the provisions of 35 USC, Section 112, and it is thus requested that this rejection be withdrawn.

It is noted with great appreciation that the Examiner considers the subject matter of original claim 5 as being allowable over the art of record. Because claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 5, all of the Examiner's prior art rejections have been rendered moot. It is therefore submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this case to issue are requested.

Should the Examiner feel that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Should any fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and advise us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,



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